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Local Church News - November 2012

On October 21, **Brookmeade Congregational UCC** in Nashville voted to call Rev. Richard (Rick) Diekmann as its pastor and teacher. Richard, who comes from Port St. Lucie, FL, last served there as pastor of First Congregational UCC, and has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Yale Divinity School.

Holy Trinity Community UCC IN Nashville, held a service of groundbreaking on October 14, 2012, for the expansion of its facility to accommodate growth.

Members have completed a successful capital campaign and secured a loan from the Church Building and Loan Fund of the UCC. Holy Trinity continues to be the most rapidly growing church in the Southeast Conference.

Southeast Conference FAQ's

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Kirkwood UCC in Atlanta to host Hunger Banquet Thursday, Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m. This event is designed to raise awareness around the issues of hunger and food insecurity at the local, national, and global levels. A meal representative of our global food access will be served. Reservations required. Admission is \$10 or 10 non-perishable food items. Join us and see hunger and poverty in a whole new way. Email hungerbanquet@kirkwooducc.comhungerbanquet@kirkwooducc.com for more information or to register.

On Oct 20th in Nashville, Rev. Kathy Clark was back among SE Conference friends as guest speaker at the **Upper Room UCC** Fellowship's Fall Potluck Supper and 8th anniversary celebration. In her current role with Local Church Ministries of our national UCC offices in Cleveland, Kathy gave a powerpoint presentation: "Overview of National UCC Organization/Ministries & the Role of Prayer". With 53 in attendance, this quarterly potluck gathering of our 4 Nashville area UCC churches is always a wonderful occasion to grow in prayer & meditation and in UCC identity & fellowship!

Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown, member of **Central Congregational UCC**, Atlanta, has been invited to be the preacher at the anniversary celebration of the Sociedade Media Joyce (Joyce Young Adult Society) of our partner church, the Evangelical Congregational Church of Angola. From November 22 through December 13 she will also be visiting a number of local churches and old friends from her years there (1964-1975) as a UCC missionary. She feels blessed to be returning to this much-loved people and church.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. (Chuck) Traylor, pastor of **Fairfield Glade Community** UCC, Fairfield Glade, TN, has accepted a position with Presbyterian Communities and Services (PC&S) in Irving, TX. His last Sunday will be November 18 and his last official day of service will by November 20.

The Fairfield Glade church is jointly affiliated with the UCC and the Presbyterian Church (USA). The community and church, located in Cumberland County, TN, are predominantly composed of retired people. By custom, the pastorate at Community Church alternates between clergy from the two denominations; Traylor is Presbyterian, so the next called pastor will likely have UCC standing.

Church of the Savior UCC, Roswell, GA, has sold its building and moved out of the facility, located on Old Alabama Road, at the end of October. The church affiliated with the United Church of Christ in 2000, having disaffiliated from the Southern Baptist Convention. During this transition the church secured financing from the Cornerstone Fund of the UCC. The church will seek out another location in which to worship, and is preparing to search for a new pastor following the death of its most recent pastor, Chris Graham, earlier this month.

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